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1. MINISTER/PRESIDENCY SYG CONIQUET ASKED ME CALL MORNING FEBRUARY 12 WITH REGARD TO MILITARY MATERIAL DESTINED FOR GURC WHICH GOG HOLDING IN PORT GENTIL. CONIQUET SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY PRESIDENT (FROM PARIS) TO RAISE QUESTION WITH ME AND OBTAIN CLARIFICATION OF SITUATION.

2. I GAVE CONIQUET SAME INFORMATION FURNISHED PREVIOUS DAY TO GENDARMERIE CHIEF OF STAFF AND DEPUTY PRIMIN, STRESSING THAT SHIPMENT WAS DULY LICENSED EXPORT FROM US FIRM TO GURC. WHEN CONIQUET SUGGESTED THAT ISSUE WAS NOW BETWEEN GOG AND GURC, I POINTED OUT THAT WE TOO HAD INTEREST STEMMING FROM FACT THAT AMERICAN EXPORTER WOULD BE UNABLE TO FULFILL HIS CONTRACT COMMITMENT TO GURC UNTIL GOG AGREED TO RELEASE MATERIEL FOR ONWARD UNCLASSIFIED

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SHIPMENT.

3. CONIQUET PROMISED TRANSMIT TO PRESIDENT INFORMATION
I HAD PROVIDED AND TO SEEK FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

4. COMMENT: AS NOTED REFTTEL, BELIEVE FASTEST WAY TO
CLEAR UP QUESTION WOULD BE FOR GURC TO MAKE DIRECT
REQUEST TO GOG FOR PROMPT RELEASE OF SHIPMENT. STEIGMAN

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